

## The Enquire Learning Trust introduces Apple Technology to support high quality learning in every classroom

**This is just the beginning...**

The Enquire Learning Trust is a huge educational organisation with a clear technological vision. Comprised of twenty nine Primary Academies, the Trust is under no illusions that every decision they make, will impact thousands of learners. With that in mind, they value productive and communicative links between all of their Academies, resulting in collaborative innovations that move the entire Trust forward together.



### Quick look at the iPad Roll out

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- Technical Support Agreement and MDM solution across entire Trust
- Inter-Trust competition around Creativity using iPad - watch this space!...
- Apple Leadership event held at ELT HQ in September 2019
- Professional Learning Plan and further Apple Events being planned with JTRS for January 2020

### Snap Shot

#### Who are the Enquire Learning Trust?

Based in Wakefield, ELT are a Multi Academy Trust with 3 main cluster areas comprising of 29 Primary academies. Mainly based around Manchester, the North East and Humberside.

#### What was their vision?

To enhance its technology strategy and plan for how IT links into the curriculum of each Academy.

#### How did we help?

We have provided the Trust with Apple guidance and supplied related technology and solutions:

- ELT awarded JTRS a two year contract for the supply of Apple and related services as a result
- Summer deployment of 1620 iPad to 29 different Academy locations
- Technical Support Agreement and MDM solution across entire trust
- Every Academy has access to at least a class-set of Apple iPad
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'We wanted a partnership with an ASE and not just a supplier who would provide the kits and nothing more. Working with JTRS has enabled us to provide a strategic approach delivering new technology into our classrooms.'

**Brett Webster, Director of Information Technology**

## Introducing new Technology

Identifying and embedding any new technology is difficult for a single school, let alone twenty nine. The Enquire Learning Trust (ELT) have to account for the nuances of each Academy within their Trust. Therefore, any new device, must fit seamlessly into every school and be managed centrally by the Trust themselves. Not only does the technology have to make an overwhelmingly positive impact on education, but it also has to be strategically viable. As Brett Webster (Director of Information Technology at Enquire Learning Trust) explains, the overall technological vision is to create an organisation '...where teachers and pupils collaborate, learn and innovate together to ensure that all academies are successful and where all learners have access to effective and innovative provision that meets their needs.' Thankfully, the iPad and a foolproof technological infrastructure, more than fits the bill.

## Creating Strategic Partnerships

Choosing iPad did not happen over night. Strategic partnerships were formed between the Trust, JTRS and Apple to ensure that the right solution for the ELT's unique technological vision could be achieved.

JTRS met with the Trust's leadership team, helping them to realise the strategic steps needed before, during and after a iPad deployment of this size.



With JTRS' expertise and guidance from Apple, a solution was created to meet the needs of The Trust's technological vision. This collaboration was vital during the early stages of their iPad journey and resulted in the Trust awarding JTRS with a two year contract for all their Apple related services.

## The Solution

JTRS have provided the Enquire Learning Trust with the technological foundation needed to achieve their vision, as well as embedding training, events and ongoing financial support to ensure their Apple vision is sustainable.

Firstly, the technical and logistical aspirations were catered for. One thousand, six hundred and twenty iPads were deployed to twenty nine different Academy Locations over the summer break (2019). In order to manage all of these devices, JTRS set up a 'Mobile Device Management' (MDM) system that could be centrally configured. This meant that the iPads could be set up (by JTRS technicians) for the Trust before they were even unwrapped from the boxes.

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The MDM also means that ongoing management of the devices can all be achieved via the Enquire Learning Trust's head quarters. Further technological sustainability has been achieved through the addition of a 'Technical Support Agreement'. The technical team at JTRS will continue to support any of the ELT's technical barriers in the future, rather than simply setting up the academies and leaving them to it.

Of course, any new technological venture within educational organisations can only thrive if the teachers using the devices are comfortable enough to utilise them within the classroom. As Brett Webster explains, the Trust strive to have 'highly skilled and committed professionals' that are 'confident, successful and ambitious'. JTRS are acutely aware that this goal, is only achievable through ongoing CPD and exciting training events. With this in mind, JTRS are providing an Apple Professional Learning Plan with a strategic twist. Apple Leads at each of the twenty nine schools will meet with an Apple Professional Trainer at the ELT headquarters to receive hands on training that they can then spread to their own cohorts. This strategic CPD is also being supported by full day workshops at each school, ensuring that individual Academies have their own unique needs met. On top of this, the ELT hosted an Apple Leadership Event and are currently organising a Trust wide 'Creativity and the iPad' competition. Whilst all the CPD is in its infancy, the level of support and the ongoing partnership with JTRS will ensure that the technology is used to its fullest potential.

## This is just the beginning



The Enquire Learning Trust knew that they had to make a serious change to keep up with the ever growing world of Technology within Education. Receiving the iPads, installing them within each Academy and strategically planning Training is just the beginning. The entire Trust will now begin work on embedding the technology in to day-to-day classroom life with the support and guidance of JTRS. Brett Webster explains how important it is to conquer that challenge.

'We take learning seriously and work together to create a vibrant culture in which this can happen. We know that it's what we do that counts and that our thinking must be visible in classrooms if it is to have leverage. Children are at the forefront of all that we do and aspire to do. We take serious steps to engage them, to hear their voice in authentic ways and then to use their insight and expertise to develop radical pedagogies that taps into their passions and interests and use the potential of emergent technologies.'

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